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FOR: Methods and Apparatus for §
Compressible Gas §

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2003

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Date: December 15, 2003

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In an Office Action dated November 18, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement for claims 1-70.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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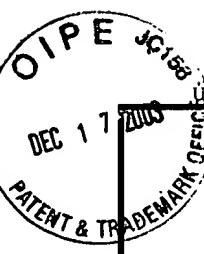
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	21	70** = 0 x	18.00 =	\$ 00.00
Independent	2	3** = 0 x	86.00 =	\$ 00.00
Claims				
Multiple Dependent			290.00 =	\$ 00.00

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1202 18	2202 9		Claims in excess of 20	
1201 86	2201 43		Independent Claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43		** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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